

1 (c) inserting data representing said image into said document so that the image
A1 2 appears in the document and comprises a portion of the document, all without saving said data in
3 other than a temporary buffer.

4 18. (Amended) A method for inserting a plurality of images into a document, comprising the
A2 5 steps of:

6 (a) enabling an image source device user interface with an application program
7 used to create a text content of the document and running on a computer in communication with an
8 image source device that stores image source data comprising multiple images, wherein the image
9 source device user interface provides a selection scheme for selecting a plurality of the stored
10 multiple images for insertion into the document;

11 (b) enabling a user to select a plurality of images to be inserted into the document;

12 (c) transferring data representing the selected images from the image source
13 device to the computer;

14 (d) converting said data representing the selected image into a compressed format;
15 and

16 (e) inserting said compressed format image data into the document so that the
17 document includes the plurality of images.

18 24. (Amended) A system for inserting an image into a document, comprising:

A3 19 (a) a computer having a memory and a processor, the memory storing machine
20 instructions that are executable on the processor;

21 (b) an application program comprising machine instructions that are stored in the
22 computer memory, said application program having been used to create the document;

23 (c) an image acquisition device connected in communication with the computer
24 and providing image data representing an image;

25 (d) a source driver module comprising computer-executable instructions stored in
26 the memory and in communication with the image acquisition device so as to control acquisition of
27 an image from the image acquisition device;

28 (e) a source manager module comprising computer-executable instructions stored
29 in the memory and in communication with the source driver module, the source manager module
30 providing commands to the source driver module to acquire an image from the image acquisition
31 device; and

32 (f) an interface module comprising computer-executable instructions stored in the
33 memory and in communication with the source manager module and the application program, the
34 interface module providing commands to the source manager to acquire an image from the image
35 acquisition device, the data representing the image being inserted into the document.